## Kentucky Transportation Cabinet Department of Highways, District 7 763 West New Circle Road, Building 2 P.O. Box 11127, Lexington, KY 40512

Mandatory Pre-Bid Meeting MEETING MINUTES July 16<sup>th</sup>, 2009

Project: 117 Contract ID 091303

Newtown Pike Extension, Phase IV

KYTC Item No. 7-953.40

Purpose: To meet with prospective bidders in order to

provide information regarding unique aspects of the project

and/or areas of emphasis.

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## **General Comments**

Steve Farmer facilitated the meeting by asking for introductions. He then reminded potential bidders to sign in on the sign in sheet so that they would be eligible to submit bids.

A general project history was given by Andrew Grunwald, LFUCG. He explained the initial 4 phases projected by engineers which were approved in 2007. Right of Way, cost estimates and funding issues were explored. Deadlines were considered with reference to the World Equestrian Games being held at the Kentucky Horse Park in 2010. Project is ready for bid and projected date of completion is December 1, 2010.

A presentation was given by Dwayne Beshear outlining the Maintenance of Traffic Plan. Mr. Beshear outlined two phases of the project which have a milestone completion date of November 1, 2009 with Main Street and Versailles Roads intersections. Phase II will include the Main Street bridge, preliminary work on Town Branch Bridge with milling, overlay and pavement replacement in the westbound lane. Project will continue with a shift and completion of the eastbound lane. The project will include removal of old concrete and asphalt, construction of new pavement and will include Manchester, Cox and Main Streets. The final phase will not begin until after March 20, 2010 and there will be a 30 consecutive day limit for the road closure on Manchester Street. This will include a new access road to the RJ Corman property that was formerly owned by KYTC.

There are liquated damages that will be incurred. A milestone date of November 1, 2009 will be in effect for the first phase with a disincentive fee of \$1,000 per day. A milestone for the Manchester Street project that begins after March 20, 2009 will be no more than 30 days after start with a disincentive fee of \$1,000 per day.

The fixed completion date for the entire project is December 1, 2010. Liquidated damages for this deadline are \$4,000 per day. No work may be performed at the project site during the World Equestrian Games which begin on September 25, 2010 and close on October 10, 2010. Phil Logsdon provided a confidential schedule of Rupp Arena events provided by the Lexington Civic Center that are not to be shared with the public.

Steve Cummins, LFUCG Traffic Management Center spoke about the importance of close communication among all involved to avoid traffic issues. He stated that there will be required a 5 day notice to the Traffic Management Center for any signal work or lane closures involving this project.

Keith McDonald, Director of Right of Way, District 7 stated that all right of ways have been purchased and completed. Relocations are under way and demolition of buildings is explained in the bid packet. Fiber Optic lines owned by R.J. Corman will be moved by December, 2009.

Don Lawson, Division of Utilities, District 7 stated that no utilities have been moved as of yet. There are special notes in the proposal with regard to Manchester Street and the railroad. R.J. Corman will need to be consulted regarding work to build sidewalks on the Main Street Bridge after signing of contract. Demolition and construction plans will be reviewed prior to work and will need to be cleared through R.J. Corman.

Gerry Fister, Third Rock Consultants spoke about contaminated soils. He stated that there will be hazardous and special wastes excavated in the amount of 41,000 cubic feet. A health and safety report will be required in reference to this material. Special Note: The subcontractor will need to have HazMat Certification and work will need to begin immediately.

Natasha Lacy, Information Officer with KYTC, District 7 provided information about public notification. A ground breaking ceremony will take place on August 14, 2009 at 10:00a.m. This will most likely be followed in the evening by a public information meeting. On July 17, 2009, The Office of Public Affairs indicated that this date and time (August 14 @ 10:00 a.m.) will be changed. There is a conflict with the Governor's schedule. Radio advertisements will be the responsibility of District 7 during fall and spring closures. Bi-monthly meetings will occur throughout the project in conjunction with the Rupp Arena event schedule.

Tony McGaha, KYTC District 7 will be overseeing the project. He has arranged to have weekly meetings and as necessary at the Lexington Civic Center for all parties involved to ensure that schedules are lined out daily. He expects full cooperation from all contractors involved with the project.

James Ballinger, Chief District Engineer, District 7 spoke to all attendees. He stated that this is a top priority for the state and is being funded with stimulus money given in

preparation for the World Equestrian Games of 2010. The renovation and construction of this portion of highways will provide additional connectivity along with New Circle Road. The project will require close work with the city of Lexington and the Highway Department and will bring about a high level of media coverage. Mr. Ballinger wanted to clarify again to all involved that the southwest quadrant that was formerly owned by KYTC is now owned by R.J. Corman and will no longer be available for staging purposes for this project. He thanked all for their attendance.

Steve Farmer opened the floor for questions. No questions were posed. Andrew Grunwald referred all to a website that is available for information purposes: <a href="https://www.newtownextension.com">www.newtownextension.com</a>. Steve Farmer reiterated that this is a high profile project with federal stimulus money that will require detailed record keeping and audits. Phil Logsdon thanked all for their attendance and challenged all to good work and cooperation during the course of the project.